

Texas has a railroad commission on

JOHN MCCALLIE has been sent to the penitentiary for a term, because he failed to get a pension. He appealed to Mr. Raum, and swore that his arm was shot off while he was in the army. It was proved that he lost his arm before the war began, and that he never was in the army. Mr. McCallie spent about getting his pension in a manner that shows he was not up to the business. If he had alleged that he had lost his arm before the war, and that if he had not lost it then he would have joined the army and most likely would have had his arm not off, his application would have had a chance to go through. A pension commissioner that could grant the application of a soldier who fell off his seat at a circus, while drunk,

the exposure of the law in this case and the contention that Philadelphia's defaulting treasurer will slip out through the loop-hole of a technicality, will make it a very safe thing to plunder public treasuries. Where the law should be most stringent and exacting is loose and worthless. It should bind with thongs of rawhide, but its bonds are of rotten thread. Men who win the public confidence and are put in charge of public treasuries are the trustees of the whole people. They should be held to rigid accountability with a jealous eye that demands accounting for every dollar that goes through their hands, and proven dishonesty should meet certain punishment. In trials upon charges of dishonest appropriation of public moneys, less pity is due the

Fort Worth, and the outsider has no means of distinguishing the producer from the consumer—the eagle from the crow—the town-builder from the moss-eater; and if inquiry is made of one of these men the answer is what naturally might be expected from one who has intended that properties were too highly valued in Fort Worth, as well when Main street lots were \$50 a foot now, when they range from \$400 to \$600 a foot.

And yet there never was a time when Fort Worth rested on a more solid foundation, and never a time when the owners of property might so certainly count on appreciation of their values. The financial depression which men complain is not local to Fort Worth, but it is general all over

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